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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES**

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows and consider the request for approval of drawing changes.

I. Preliminary Amendment

In the Specification

On page 1, after the title and before "Background of the Invention", please insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of copending application Serial No. 08/800,682 filed February 14, 1997, which claims priority to International Application No. PCT/US96/07597 filed May 24, 1996, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/011,867 filed February 15, 1996.--

On page 1, please delete lines 9-12.

On page 6, line 4, please delete “(- - - -), and insert --(————)-- in place thereof.

II. Request for Approval of Drawing Changes

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a)(3), applicants respectfully request approval for changes to the drawings indicated in red on the attached photocopies of Figures 2 and 2a, and Figures 3 and 3a. The changes are being made to correct obvious labeling errors.

Figure 2 is amended and relabeled as Figure 2a.

Figure 2a is amended and relabeled as Figure 2b.

Figure 3 is amended and relabeled as Figure 3a.

Figure 3a is amended and relabeled as Figure 3b.

Remarks

Figures 2 and 2a, and Figures 3 and 3a have been amended and relabeled as Figures 2a and 2b, and Figures 3a and 3b.

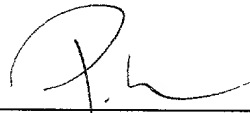
Applicants have amended the Specification to change the legend in Figure 1 to conform to the informal and formal drawings submitted herewith.

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No new subject matter has been added.

Prompt and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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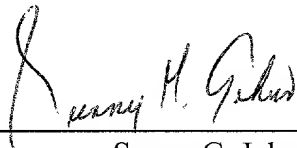
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I hereby certify that this PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES and any documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date, January 23, 2001, in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10, Mailing Label Number EL 709 418 765 US addressed to Box Patent Application, Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231.



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